

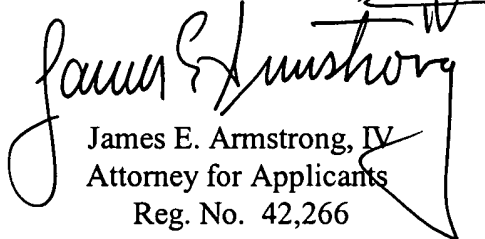
**REMARKS**

The above amendment is submitted to place the specification and claims in substantially the same condition as the specification and claims as amended under Article 34 in the international application. An English translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report is enclosed. Early and favorable action is awaited.

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